

## TRIBUTE TO JESSE LINEBAUGH

**HON. TOM LATHAM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2014*

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Jesse Linebaugh of Faegre Baker Daniels in Des Moines, Iowa, for being named a 2014 Forty Under 40 honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

Since 2000, Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of young leaders in the Greater Des Moines area who are making an impact in their communities and their careers. Each year, forty up-and-coming community and business leaders under 40 years of age are selected for this prestigious distinction, which is based on combined criteria of community involvement and success in their chosen career field. The 2014 class of Forty Under 40 honorees join an impressive roster of nearly 600 business leaders and growing.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Jesse in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud Mr. Linebaugh for utilizing his talents to better both his community and the great State of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Jesse on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing each member of the 2014 Forty Under 40 class continued success.

ON THE OCCASION OF THE CENTENNIAL OF LOCAL 58 OF THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS IN DETROIT, MICHIGAN

**HON. GARY C. PETERS**

OF MICHIGAN

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Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, as the members and leadership of Local 58 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) gather to celebrate the centennial of their organization, I congratulate them on their many achievements and accomplishments.

As America approached the Twentieth Century, workers in an increasingly industrialized society saw the need to come together to promote safe working conditions, fair pay and strong professional operating standards—a labor movement that gave rise to the IBEW to protect electrical workers. From the beginning of the IBEW's existence, Detroit has had a strong membership, which resulted in the creation of Local 58 in 1914. Under its first President, Ed Ismond, the members of Local 58 worked diligently to realize increases in pay that better reflected the danger of their profession, increased flexibility in project design to ensure higher safety standards, and the creation of many workplace practices that continue to be the standard today. Among those practices are the eight hour workday, the forty hour work week, established rates of pay and established pay schedules.

At the turn of the century in late 1800s, advancements in manufacturing made it possible

to better harness the power of electricity—events which put the members of Local 58 at the center of major events in our nation's history. With the manufacturing boom in Detroit, members of Local 58 put their skills to work in the construction of structures that have become iconic of the economic might of our country: structures like the Ambassador Bridge, Masonic Temple, Penobscot Building and Michigan Central Station. And later, when America entered World War II, 200 members of Local 58 answered the call to serve our nation overseas and many more of its members served our nation in the Arsenal of Democracy, producing equipment that was vital to our success.

In the later decades of the 1900s, Local 58 continued in its mission to push for more effective workplace protections, seeking higher standards for the conditions allowed by contractors. As part of this effort, Local 58, the IBEW and their brothers and sisters in the labor movement became more politically active—directly engaging their legislative officials to discuss the importance of workplace safety.

Throughout its history, Local 58 and the IBEW, like many of their labor movement partners in other industries, have shown a dedication to training and continuing education for their members. Woven into the very fabric of Local 58, its apprenticeship training program can be traced back to 1923. Originally operated in partnership with Detroit Public Schools, the original trade school was located at Sixth and Abbott in Detroit. After moving to several locations over the next eighty years, Local 58 opened a 50,000 square foot training facility in Warren, with ten classrooms, three hands-on shop areas and many state-of-the-art labs, which supports nearly 240 apprentices. In addition to the apprenticeship programs, the center also supports the ongoing education of Local 58's members—more than 4,700 strong.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor that I am able to rise to recognize the incredible accomplishments of the men and women of Local 58 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. As masters of electricity, from the iconic skyline of Detroit to the current standards enjoyed by the American workforce at large, the members of Local 58 have been deeply involved in shaping the United States in the Twentieth Century. Their achievements over the last 100 years are truly remarkable and I am proud to continue standing in solidarity with them and their brothers and sisters in the labor movement to ensure that the future of our nation continues to be bright for all Americans.

HONORING THE INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE SWIM TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2014 NJCCA SWIMMING AND DIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

**HON. PATRICK MURPHY**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2014*

Mr. MURPHY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Indian River State College swim team for winning yet another title for both the men's and women's teams during the 2014 National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCCA) Swimming and Diving Cham-

pionships. These championships were hosted by the IRSC in Fort Pierce from March 5 through March 8.

In a competition against sixteen other college swim teams from across the country, the IRSC Swimming and Diving men's team succeeded in extending their amazing winning streak to 40 consecutive swimming titles, the longest unbroken championship winning streak in any sport at the collegiate level in the country. In an equal display of strength and sportsmanship, the women's team proudly brought home their 36th title.

These young men and women have demonstrated yet again that anything is possible through hard work, determination and a positive attitude. Their impressive accomplishments and unique sense of resilience inspire every single one of us, their fellow students, and their communities.

Mr. Speaker, the achievements of these remarkable individuals serve as an example that sports can have an outstandingly positive impact on our youth as they prepare to face the challenges of today's society. For this very reason, it is my honor to recognize these young athletes here today.

## BASELINE REFORM ACT OF 2013

SPEECH OF

**HON. DAVID E. PRICE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 8, 2014*

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, today we could be debating a jobs and infrastructure package. We could be working on a comprehensive effort to balance our budget and replace sequestration once and for all. But instead, we're wasting time debating this retread of an old Republican ploy to further decimate the nation's discretionary budget.

Currently, the Congressional Budget Office rightfully assumes annual adjustments for inflation and population growth to reflect the cost of maintaining current services. For example, next year more children will attend schools on military bases. The CBO assumes a small increase in funding for these schools to ensure teachers and administrators have the resources they need. This idea that funding should keep pace with inflation and need makes sense. It reflects reality. It is an important concept in the business world, but the so-called reform before us today would freeze adjustments for inflation and population growth, undermining the usefulness of CBO's baselines and making it more difficult to measure the real-world impact of discretionary spending changes.

While this bill may appeal to those who profit from demagoguing the budget, it would drastically hurt the nation in the long-term. Flat-funding would mean a death by a thousand cuts to discretionary spending programs: every year inflation and population growth would chip away at the effectiveness of the investments we make in our future. At least the Republican budget is upfront about the obvious and drastic cuts it makes to education, food and nutrition assistance for women and infants, infrastructure, research and health care for seniors. This bill is about locking-in a years-long path to these deeply misguided goals under the guise of "reform."